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January 1 Cattle Inventory

Iowa: All cattle and calves in Iowa as of January 1, 2011 totaled 3.90 million head, 1 percent above the 3.85 million head on January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 840,000 head, were 5 percent below last year. Milk cows, at 210,000 were 2 percent lower than last year.

All heifers 500 pounds and over, at 990,000 head, were up 10 percent from last year. Heifers for beef cow replacement were down 8 percent to 120,000 head; heifers for milk cow replacement at 130,000 head were unchanged from the previous year; and all other heifers were up 16 percent to 740,000 head.

Steers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 2 percent from last year at 1,350,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over were unchanged from a year ago at 60,000 head. Calves under 500 pounds on January 1 totaled 450,000 in 2011, down 2 percent from last year.

The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 1.01 million head, down 2 percent from the 1.03 million born in 2009. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1, 2011 was at 1,380,000 head, up 1 percent from a year ago.

United States: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million,

were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Other class estimates on January 1, 2011, and the change from January 1, 2010, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Beef replacement heifers, 5.2 million, down 5 percent.
- Milk replacement heifers, 4.6 million, up 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.8 million, up 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.5 million, down 3 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.0 million, up 3 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 26.7 million, down 3 percent.

The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2010 are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

**Cattle and Calves: Number by Class and Calf Crop,
Iowa and United States, January 1, 2010-2011**

Class	Iowa			United States		
	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010	2010	2011	2011 as % of 2010
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
All Cattle and Calves	3,850	3,900	101	93,881	92,582	99
All Cows That Have Calved	1,100	1,050	95	40,456	40,014	99
Beef Cows	885	840	95	31,371	30,865	98
Milk Cows	215	210	98	9,086	9,150	101
Heifers 500 Pounds and Over	900	990	110	19,746	19,533	99
For Beef Cow Replacement	130	120	92	5,451	5,158	95
For Milk Cow Replacement	130	130	100	4,526	4,557	101
Other Heifers	640	740	116	9,769	9,818	101
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	1,330	1,350	102	16,510	16,382	99
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	60	60	100	2,190	2,153	98
Calves Under 500 Pounds	460	450	98	14,979	14,500	97
Cattle on Feed ¹	1,360	1,380	101	13,642	14,023	103
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
Calf Crop	1,030	1,010	98	35,939	35,685	99

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.